operators in these places are monitored on sample basis through observation cells. This practice is in vogue for many years now. Exact evaluation of daily loss through such malpractices is not possible.

(e) and (f) Full-fledged vigilance units are functioning in the headquarters of each Telecom. Circle. These units have been instructed to step up surprise inspections of the meter rooms, telephone exchanges, STD PCO and other sensitive areas. Observation of trunk circuits is carried out regularly for detection of any malpractice. Subscribers of electronic exchanges have been advised to avail the dynamic STD facility to prevent misuse of their telephones It is proposed to amend the Indian Telegraph Act, 1885 to deal effectively with persons indulging in diversion of telephone lines for illegal purposes. It is also proposed to create dedicated cells of CBI at the four metropolitan cities to deal with cases of leakage of revenue in coordination with departmental officers.

Electronic exchange in Madhya Pradesh

863. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the places in Madhya Pradesh where electronic exchanges are likely to be commissioned during 1993-94;

(b) whether STD facility provided recently, is not functioning properly especially in backward districts and districts having sizeable population of Adivasis;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) what achievement is expected in this regard by the end of 19933-94;

(e) what is the target set by Government in this regard to provide STD facility in all blocks tehsils and district head-quarters of the state and also in industrial towns situated in adivasi areas; and

(f) what decisions have been taken by Government on the recommendations made from time to time by Members of Parliament and representatives of the public in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) (i) Electronic telephone exchanges are likely to be commissioned at the following places in M.P. during 1993-94 in replacement/addition to the existing telephone exchanges:

Ashoknagar, Bilaspur, Damoh, Dhamtari, Katni, Khandwa, Morena, Narsinghpur, Raighar, Ratlam, Sagar & Singrauli.

(ii) New telephone exchanges are also proposed to be opened at places where the registered paid demands or telephone connections reach 10 or above subject to technical feasibility. This being a continuous process no specific details are readily available.

(b) and (c) No. Sir, STD facility provided through Carrier Systems at times, get interrupted due to occurrence of faults on open wirelines which are removed as and when reported.

(d) out of the 45 stations having STD facility through Carrier Systems 8 are likely to be provided through stable transmission system viz. UHF, Cable Carrier etc. during 93-94.

(e) i. District Headquarters have already been provided with STD facility.

ii. STD facility to all Tehsil, Block and Industrial towns is proposed to be provided progressively by 1995.

(f) The recommendations of the Members of Parliament and the representations of the public are examined and implemented subjected to technical suitability and feasibility.